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Transitivity, valency and voice

- 1. Transitive coding and other verbal predicative constructions (alignment): the notion of basic transitive construction; languages with more than one basic transitive construction (direct/inverse systems, symmetric voice systems); the formal characteristics of the basic transitive construction; alignment and the Obligatory Coding Principle; transitive coding and the lexicon (bivalent verbs with an extended intransitive construction, monovalent verbs with a transitive construction).
- 2. Valency-decreasing derivations: passive; antipassive; middle (reflexive, reciprocal, autocausative, anticausative); multifunction valency-decreasing derivations.
- 3. Valency-increasing derivations: causative; applicative (semantically specialized applicatives, multifunction applicatives, non-canonical applicatives); the causative-applicative syncretism.
- 4. Lability and other morphologically uncoded valency alternations: lability and pseudo-lability; Alability; P-lability (anticausative lability, passive lability); other types of morphologically uncoded valency alternations.
- 5. Incorporation and transitivity: incorporation as a morphological operation; argument incorporation; possessive incorporation; modifying incorporation; classificatory incorporation.